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We Want to Know

The evils of the liquor traffic are many respects more iniquitous and debauching under prohibition than they were in the days of the open saloon.

There is a widespread popular revolt against present conditions which is becoming more pronounced and emphatic each day.

That prohibition as a coercive governmental measure has utterly failed in the seven years it has been on trial to either prevent the manufacture or to materially lessen the consumption of liquor is a fact no intelligent man can fail to see and no honest man will deny.

The whole scheme of prohibition enforcement is permeated with graft and corruption, and the whole country is rampant with resentment and contempt not only for the prohibition amendment and the enforcement laws but for all laws and for the government itself responsible for such a shocking travesty upon civil administration.

Thousands of so-called prohibitionists are simply bootleggers in disguise. Not enough of them have been caught and punished and publicly exposed to place all the rest under rank suspicion.

Prohibition pays large dividends to the bootleggers and breeds bootleggers.

Now under the bootlegger, the purveyor of poison, the debauched and debauching, shout lustily for prohibition.

Do not wonder the hypocrites at Washington, sitting in our highest legislative chamber, vote for prohibition while most of them have a brown jug in their cellar or know the way to the back door of some foreign legation.

Now there is one question we want to know: the professional prohibitionists and we want them to answer it.

Why are they silent as a graveyard at the one vital element in the liquor traffic they affect to abhor, and determine, as they say, to destroy the very keystone in the arch of vicious abomination?

Why do they not so much as hint or take the hint out of the business and thereby destroy the root and branch at one blow?

The blatant professional prohibitionist does not answer; he dare not answer; and the reason is perfectly plain. He himself the beneficiary of profit, and the bulwarks of the profit system, and profit means exploitation, and exploitation means robbery, oppression, poverty, ignorance, misery, prostitution and dirt. Whether the profit is derived from the whiskey traffic or from any other branch of commercial life it is equally immoral, vicious, excusable, and no man who has conscience enough to see it and honesty enough to keep his hands and his tongue will stand for it a single moment.

The fact is that most of the leading prohibitionists are themselves exploiters and beneficiaries of the profit system, and they know that if the liquor traffic is taken out of liquor and prohibition rationally solved it can be taken out of other industries and the same vexing problems also solved.

What would mean the abolition of prohibition itself, for without exploitation, without robbery, plunder, without corruption and criminality, without the collapse of its stolen boots, the Socialists have the remedy; and the remedy that will stop bootlegging and poisonous adulteration, and genuine temperance, and give a better world.

Let us analyze the liquor traffic business as it is controlled by the government, remove the profit, and supply the demand of the people at actual cost under proper regulation, and the liquor traffic will forever destroy this vile institution.

Fifty-One Years

February 27th is always an interesting day as a suggestive date in my life.

On that day, fifty-one years ago, I was a youth of nineteen years of age, and my entry into the labor movement.

There were twenty-one of us who

ter members who joined Vigo Lodge No. 16 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen on February 27th, 1875, the night it was instituted at Terre Haute.

But three of these twenty-one lusty and ambitious youths are still alive. Eighteen of them, in the vicinities of railroad life, have gone over the long range, some killed in railroad wrecks and others dying a natural death.

We were boys then. Perhaps we still are. At least I know that I am not and never will be an old man. Not one of my seventy years, of which fifty-one have been spent in the labor movement, has been permitted to weaken my will or daunt my spirit.

Life to me, thanks to my fifty-one years in the labor and Socialist movement, is richer far and means infinitely more to me than in my callow, untired, unsophisticated boyhood.

The trials and privations, the defeats and discouragements, the pains, punishments and persecutions were all good for me; they were all needed in my life and I thank whatever gods there be for them all.

The darkest days have brought me the most light; the severest trials have had the richest rewards, and the bitterest defeats have given me my only victories.

I would not omit an item from the record, nor blot out a single experience, but if I did I should wish it to be the most joyous one rather than the bitterest of them all.

There have been dark days indeed in those fifty-one years, but the darkest of them could not dampen the spirit that had been set aglow in my heart nor shut out the light in my labor movement had brought into my life.

Fifty-one years in the struggle and only the beginning has been made. But the faith has increased and not diminished; the proletarian forces have grown steadily stronger; the outlook brighter; the spirit more militant and aggressive and the purpose more resolute, all combining to crown in good time the great cause with noble victory.

Hail to the dawning day of worldwide Socialism and Emancipation! Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 27, 1926.

Bills, Bills, Bills!

That capitalist political government is about obsolete and is bound to be superseded by industrial representation and administration is being more clearly revealed each day.

The practical incapacity of the ruling capitalists and their legislative agents at Washington and in the state legislatures is flagrantly apparent to all except the stone-blind.

The capitalist system has definitely entered upon its declining and disintegrating stages. Its contradictions are multiplying and enmeshing it in laws, laws, laws—and still more laws, national, international, state, county, township and municipal, laws without end, laws without sense, LAWS, LAWS, LAWS, until the government itself is tied up and the state paralyzed, excepting its courts, soldiers and police, which are always left sufficiently unfettered to keep the toiling and producing herd where God in His infinite wisdom placed it, to be ridden by its booties and spurred masters.

We are led to this comment by the following press dispatch from Washington:

"In the nine days of this senate's session before the holiday recess, 1,367 bills were introduced. That is 1,070 more than the total for last year's entire session—from December to March—and is 45 per cent or almost half of the total number for the sixty-ninth congress, which ran from December 6th, 1923, to March 4th, 1925."

Just think of this flood, this deluge, this overwhelming avalanche of bills that threaten to become new laws to still further enmesh the life of the people and tie them up hand and foot with a gag upon their lips that they may move only to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" in glorification of their "One Hundred per cent Americanism."

And of such is American statesmanship in this the year of our Lord, 1926, and the high noon of our marvellous capitalist civilization!

Appeal Will Issue Special Edition As
Climax of Fight for Debs Citizenship

The bugle call of the American Appeal for a rousing, effective, nation-wide demand for the restoration of Debs' citizenship rights, in support of the fight Congressman Berger has started in the House to that end, has already developed a response that is a surprise even to the hopeful management and staff of the American Appeal and Socialist party.

IT HAS CONVINCED THEM THAT HERE IS AN ISSUE THAT IN POTENTIAL STRENGTH, VOLUME, POSSIBILITIES AND IN IMMEDIATE URGENCY OVERWHELMS AND SETS ASIDE EVERYTHING ELSE.

IT HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN DECIDED TO MAKE THE FIRST SPECIAL EDITION OF THE APPEAL—WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AND WILL APPEAR ON MAY 1, 1926—A SPECIAL EDITION THAT WILL CENTER UPON THE DEBS' CASE AS THE TYPE OF ALL SUCH CASES AND ALL SUCH VIOLATIONS OF THE AMERICAN IDEA OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY. It will be called—

The Debs Citizenship Special

Among the letters that are coming in revealing how deeply the people are touched by the spectacle of the foremost man of America deprived of his birthright like a felon, while grafters, crooks and criminals honey-comb our government and dominate in our land, we select one for our readers to contemplate:

An Indignant Citizen

"Editor American Appeal:

"Why petition Congress for the restoration of Debs' citizenship?

"Debs has not been degraded. He has been distinguished. More particularly when the character of those who annulled his citizenship is compared with his. He is not merely by courtesy, but in fact, America's first citizen.

"By the overwhelming majority of the hundred and twenty million population of the United States—who oppose his beliefs and ideals—Gene Debs is hailed as among the purest, the choicest, the truest and bravest of America's living leading citizens; and deemed worthy of a place with the most illustrious characters that have embellished American history. He is regarded and deserves to be, as the most upstanding and outstanding figure in the public life of this nation today.

"To beg citizenship for Debs is on a par with beseeching pardon for Jesus Christ. I do not make the comparison lightly or offensively. Gene is recognized as a great American and sterling patriot, while those who annulled his citizenship are as completely forgotten as those who nailed Christ to the cross and pierced His side. I, for one, cannot plead for Debs with those who would have crucified him long ago, had not crucifixion gone out of fashion."

Why Fight Must Go On

This letter expresses strikingly the enormity of the situation wherein America's foremost character is deprived of citizenship merely for voicing sincere opposition to something that has since been recognized by the majority of the people as a monstrous international crime—the World War.

The campaign to obtain justice for Comrade Debs must be pushed for the sake of America, for the sake of whatever liberty or democracy remains in this country; for the sake of the reputation and honor of our country.

If Debs is permitted to go down to his grave under the unjust status imposed upon him by this government, as an alien and a felon, not only will there remain against this country an ineradicable stain, BUT A MOST DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WILL HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WHICH WILL BE USED IN THE FUTURE BY THE RULING CLASS TO OUTLAW AND HOUND TO DESTRUCTION EVERY SINCERE OPPONENT OF THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM AND HONEST CHAMPION OF TRUTH AND HIGHEST AMERICANISM.

This campaign started by Congressman Berger and taken up by the American Appeal is not of Comrade Debs' making. In his home in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he writes editorials for the Appeal, he has finally consented to the use of his name and personality as the central figure in this great and important fight.

THIS CAMPAIGN—AND THIS DEBS' CITIZENSHIP EDITION OF THE APPEAL—REPRESENTS A FIGHT FOR A HIGHER PRINCIPLE—IN IT DEBS STANDS FOR EVERY HIGH MINDED IDEALIST AND PATRIOT WHO HAS BEEN ACCORDED SIMILAR TREATMENT.

THE SPECIAL EDITION, MAY 1, 1926, AND THE CAMPAIGN LEADING UP TO IT AND THE CULMINATION OF BERGER'S FIGHT IN CONGRESS WILL BE WAGED FOR THE RIGHT OF EVERY TRUE CITIZEN TO EXPRESS HIS SINCERE BELIEFS AT ALL TIMES IN THIS REPUBLIC, WHICH WAS NEVER QUESTIONED UNTIL THE WORLD WAR.

England at Door of Socialism, Say
Distinguished Labor Party Visitors

England is right at the door of Socialism. There is strong probability that the British Labor Party, which has embraced the whole program of Socialism, will carry the next election.

So sure are the British workers of these things that they have already worked out a practical plan of realizing Socialism as soon as the Labor Party comes into power. The Independent Labor Party, which is a part of the British Labor Party, and which represents the educational side of the Socialist movement of Great Britain, is carrying on the greatest propaganda and organization movement for Socialism in the history of any country, "to bring Socialism in our day."

Heralds of Good Tidings
Socialism is gaining ground in Great Britain as never before. It is rapidly winning the great class of clerks, making unexampled inroads in the colleges and universities and surprising gains among the churches. The Liberal Party has been forced in sheer self-defense to adopt the principle of land socialization. THE COAL COMMISSION, UNABLE TO CHECK THIS GREAT TIDE, HAS RECOMMENDED THE STATE-OWNERSHIP OF THE COAL INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH IT IS CONTROLLED BY CONSERVATIVES.

These were the cheering facts that were brought directly to the American

Appeal office during the week by two prominent emissaries of the British Labor Party—Comrade Oswald Mosley, heir to a baronetcy, and Comrade Lady Cynthia Mosley (if this combination of words is permissible), who is daughter of Lord Curzon and grand daughter of Lord G. Lister, former Chicago millionaire.

The arrival of these comrades in Chicago contrasted strikingly with the visits of the usual representatives of wealth and aristocracy. With the doors of wealth and society open to them, they called up Comrade Florence Hall, secretary of the Socialist Party of Cook county, almost as soon as they reached the city. The morning after their arrival they called at the headquarters of the Socialist Party of America and the American Appeal.

To get into immediate contact with the heart and center of the Socialist Party of the United States meant more to these comrades than anything the high and mighty of Chicago could offer them. All other engagements were off until they had spent the better part of twenty-four hours acquainting themselves with the Socialist movement of the United States.

May Win Next Election
"What are the prospects for the British Labor Party?" was the first question that was asked them.

Comrade Oswald Mosley, a very

pleasant and a very enthusiastic young man, acted as spokesman for them.

"The Conservative won the last election by 7,000,000 votes. The Labor Party received 5,000,000 votes. A swing of a million votes to the Labor Party side will place it in power. Socialism is unquestionably gaining ground very rapidly now. The by-elections showed a decided swing to Labor. What is known as the 'black-coated' workers of Great Britain, clerks and office workers, one of the largest groups in England, formerly strongly opposed to Socialism, are coming to use very rapidly now, especially the lower-paid members of this group.

Spreading Among Churches
"Socialism is making perceptible advances in the colleges and universities. Strong Socialist groups have developed in the last few years in Oxford and Cambridge. I recall that two years ago a Socialist motion picture was shown in Cambridge University."

"What about the churches, Comrade Mosley? The growth of the Socialist thought in the churches of America, especially in the Church Youth movement, is one of the most surprising and encouraging recent developments here."

"For some time there has been a distinct swing toward Socialism and

The crowning infamy of the trust-controlled Republican administration was perpetrated during the week. By a vote of 36 to 33 the United States Senate closed the last avenue leading to the prosecution of the Aluminum Trust, largely owned by Andrew Mellon, Republican Secretary of the Treasury. A resolution providing for an investigation of this monopoly designed to compel the Department of Justice to obey the law and prosecute it was defeated by a solid line-up of the administration Republicans.

The Aluminum Company of America has been declared to be a trust operating in restraint of trade by the present Federal Trade Commission, a body reorganized and made as conservative as possible by President Coolidge.

Former Attorney General Stone, who was retained in office by Coolidge until he resigned and who was succeeded by the present Attorney General, Sargent, declared that this corporation had violated the anti-trust law and ought to be prosecuted.

Attorney General Sargent, an appointee of Coolidge's from Coolidge's native state, has steadily refused to prosecute this company, despite the findings of the Republican Federal Trade Commission, the declaration of the former Republican Attorney General and insistent demands from United States Senators.

With the object of compelling prosecution of this gigantic private interest the Senate Judiciary Committee, the majority of which are Republicans, reported favoring a thorough investigation of this company.

Confronting all these convincing facts from fellow Republicans, the solid administration bloc of Republican Senators voted to prevent an investigation, to protect one of the most complete monopolies in America, to save their party from the just stigma of guilt and scandal at the expense of truth, honor, law, justice and common decency. This act of venality, treason, betrayal and political degradation make a degree of ascendancy and control over the government by the trusts new even in America.

The bare facts concerning this monopoly lies upon these senators a

degree of guilt that has scarcely been paralleled in the history of this country.

According to the Coolidge Federal Trade Commission.

The Aluminum Company of America controls the world supply of raw material used in making aluminum and the sale of products manufactured from aluminum.

In this country the Aluminum Company since 1923 has produced more than 95 per cent of the virgin sheet aluminum.

It is sole producer of virgin aluminum ingots in the United States.

It owns 36 per cent of the stock of the largest manufacturer of aluminum cooking utensils in the United States and 100 per cent of the second largest.

It owns altogether 100 per cent of the stock of 34 corporations, more than 50 per cent of the stock of nine corporations, and less than 50 per cent of the stock of 17 corporations.

It realized profits of 200 per cent on its common stock in 1925, a profit of \$10,000,000 from the buyers of household utensil alone, and has juggled its stock in such a manner that the owners of original shares have securities worth \$1,000 for every \$100 invested.

The present tariff law raised the import duty on aluminum from 2 to 5 cents a pound and doubled the duty on aluminum, despite the fact that 95 per cent of this tariff raise would go straight into the pocket of the aluminum trust.

ANDREW MELLON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES, OWNS 16 PER CENT OF THE STOCK OF THIS LAWLESS AND LAW-BREAKING MONOPOLY, AND ENJOYS THE PROTECTION OF PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND HIS HAND-PICKED ATTORNEY GENERAL, SARGENT, AND THE TRUST-PICKED MAJORITY IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

The situation is unique. A law-breaking and law-defying trust magnate is sitting on the lid of the people's treasury and is enjoying the protection of a combination of the highest officials in the land, elected by the people, while he picks their pockets.

Big Double-Header Program to
Arouse Nation Over Debs Case

The Appeal has planned a double-header program to back Berger's fight in Congress and obtain the restoration of Debs' citizenship rights.

One part of this program involves what we hope will be THE LARGEST STORM OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS

EVER DIRECTED UPON CONGRESS. The other part involves THE MIGHTIEST FLOOD OF RESOLUTIONS BY ORGANIZATIONS EVER TURNED UPON THAT BODY.

It is imperative that every friend of Debs in the country become acquainted with these two methods of showing the government the real character and metal of America's citizenship.

The Petition Program

The method of carrying out the program of storming Congress to the limit with petitions for the restoration of Debs' citizenship was described in the last issue of the Appeal. We repeat it here.

Clip the petition for the restoration of citizenship to Debs which is printed on the last page of this issue of the Appeal. Or formulate a petition yourself.

Attach the petition to blank sheets of paper for the names and addresses of citizens.

GET AS SOON AS YOU CAN, AS MANY LEGAL SIGNATURES AS YOU CAN.

Then send these lists of names and addresses with petition attached to the American Appeal, ACCOMPANIED WITH THE NAME OF THE CONGRESSMAN OF YOUR DISTRICT.

The Appeal will send them to your congressman at the proper time, as it is in touch with Congressman Berger.

While you are preparing these petitions write at once to your congressman asking him HOW HE INTENDS TO VOTE WHEN THE BERGER RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE RESTORATION OF DEBS' CITIZENSHIP COMES UP BEFORE THE HOUSE.

WE WANT EVERY READER WHO GETS THIS NUMBER OF THE APPEAL TO DO BOTH OF THESE THINGS. IF YOU DO THIS YOU WILL START THE BIGGEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THIS COUNTRY IN YEARS.

While individual citizens are flood-

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The Staff Blushes Collectively Over This Fine Praise from Debs

By Eugene V. Debs

The busiest haunt I have seen in many a day is the National Office of the Socialist party in Chicago.

I have just returned from there and I still am vibrant with the buzz of activity. It is a veritable beehive in its bustling and hustling, and I thoroughly enjoyed it, but am glad to have escaped my life.

I came perilously near being drawn into the maelstrom and disappearing in the rapids.

The old office is humming once more and it was surely tonic to my blood to look upon that stirring scene, even as an innocent bystander.

Oh, but they are busy there, and not only busy but rushed almost out of their wits to keep the rapidly rising tide of mail from overwhelming them.

That would be said indeed and they can hardly be blamed for deciding that their obituary shall not yet be written.

But best and finest of all are the shining faces one sees there as these good comrades bend to their tasks, or what would be their tasks if they had to do the same work in some mill or factory producing profit for its owner.

These comrades of ours at headquarters have the love of life in their eyes and the joy of life in their hearts, and their nimble fingers fairly dance over the keys of their machines because their work is in a cause they deem holy, and service to them is

therefore sacramental and has the thrill and thrill of exaltation. The office hours are winged in this laboratory of labor and socialism where the loftiest idealism lightens every burden, warms every heart, vitalizes every spirit, and is a perpetual inspiration to all its votaries.

Here we see Kirkpatrick, our National Secretary, with his sleeves rolled up and joyously buffeting with the tide of affairs all day long and most of the night; Mahlon Barnes, our National Treasurer, with his fingers flying over the keys of his adding machine, and his head bowed in a trifle impatient because he cannot do all of a dozen different things at one and the same time; Murray King up to his eyebrows in everything a managing editor has to contend with and holding his own with admirable serenity; Mary O'Reilly, the latest acquisition to the editorial staff, dipping her quill pen deep into the fountain of inspiration and producing a poem as readily as a paragraph; Mrs. Barnes, the very capable, energetic and tireless book-keeper, her desk piled high with accumulations, wondering if the flood is ever to cease, and all of the several assistants in the various departments, including the redoubtable Comrade Henry, the last to be called to the rescue and always to be relied upon in an emergency, and the splendidly faithful and efficient girl typists and other equally capable and loyal helpers, each of them doing his or her level best, and all working together in such delightful unison and harmony for the good of the cause as to inspire

and command the highest respect and admiration.

Yes, dear comrades, the National Office is again humming with the old-time enthusiasm and activity, throbbing once more with life, red life, real life, the life renewed, refreshed, reinvigorated after its baptism of fire in the red hell of capitalist war.

The tide has turned at last and once more the party membership is increasing all over the country, while the circulation of the Appeal is mounting steadily at an amazing rate each hour of the day.

In this congressional year the Socialist party will be in the field full panoplied for battle. Three years hence the party will be greater, stronger, better equipped, more militant, more aggressive, self-reliant and resolute in its determination to wipe out capitalism and put socialism in its place than ever before in its history.

All that is now needed is that each and every party member shall realize his duty and work in harmony with the National Office in making this the redeeming year of the Socialist party and the coming years the crowning ones of its conquest and glory.

Every live Socialist outside of the party has work on the inside waiting for him, and unless he is dead to the beat there is in him he will take his place in the ranks without further ado and help the busy builders rear the political structure that is destined to make glorious history in the United States.

Appeal Army Column

C. T. Stoney of Salt Lake City continues to rub it in. After bombarding us with shells containing more than 30 subs, he knucks us out with a bomb loaded with fine more, and while we are trying to pick ourselves up he hits us in the midst with the following message: "Now in regard to the little old sheet that comes to hand once a week, oh, boy! But it is surely a hummer! When I read its pages I feel that I want two million readers for it instead of one million. Any worker that reads the matter contained in that little paper and then goes back and votes either of the old party tickets deserves to be shot at sunrise on the morning before he does it." A few pot-shooters like Comrade Stoney strategically placed throughout the country would sure get that two million.

The Utah climate must be good for repeaters. E. G. Locke of Salt Lake City comes back for the 'steenth time with a bunch of capitalists' scalp. Three this time and more coming. Alfred Sorenson keeps banging away and hits us again with two.

Speaking of taking the scalp off from the enemy, Louis Rabonitz of Chicago just drops into the Appeal office smilingly and delivers them in bunches of about 6 to 12 a week. It is safer and quieter for the Appeal staff than this here long range shooting.

Bernard Berlin, another Chicagoite, slips up on us about once a week with bunches of prisoners. He knows how He has had 41 years' experience.

They must have a whole battery operating down in Indianapolis, with Emma Henry as the chief gunner. This comrade cluttered up this office with 21 prisoners in one month and then landed a bundle order yesterday that has kept the staff busy ever since digging out.

Chicago is taking advantage of the fact that it has the Appeal office surrounded and unable to escape. Just as we were beginning to feel easy, Florence Hall, secretary for the Cook County branch, lands a bunch of ten.

The Army must be getting ready for a new line of attack. W. A. Stolley of the Niedner Rifle Corporation lands five in one pot shot.

Wow! C. A. Freeland of Debs' bomb town doesn't give us time to think. His latest hit is five in a bunch. Oh, you repeaters!

J. P. Morgan is going to have a hard time organizing his soft coal trust in West Virginia if Dr. M. S. Holt of Weston has his way. He fights Morgan the most effective way by landing a bunch of six subs.

An Oklahoma doctor, Dr. A. C. Jenner of Durant, also has the right kind of medicine for capitalism—7 yearly Appeal subs.

August Claessens of Bronx, N. Y., is still hitting hard. He turns over four more for a course in Socialism.

Fred Fraley of Salina, Kan., managing editor of the Kansas Leader, finds time to run for Appeal subs. His latest batch is four.

Wow! Those pot-shot sharpshooters have got the Appeal staff going around in circles: C. F. Glover, St. Louis, 4; George Miller, New Haven, 6; C. A. Steele, Kan., West Va., 6; Sam Reichenberg, Los Angeles, 5; Frank Urita, Morgan, Pa., 6; A. R.

Pinke, Detroit, 3, and the following double-barreled hits: M. Friedman, Altoona, Pa.; Benjamin Stern, Hildeford, Maine; Jennie L. Harvey, Cleveland; L. G. Madron, La Place, La.; A. Midway, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Joseph Bold, Penn. Pa.; C. E. Biddison, Goodland, Kan.; Monroe E. Koller, Newmantown, Pa. (3 subs); Dr. R. B. Green, Chicago; Dr. D. J. Heckman, Ottumwa, Iowa; Cora Bixler, Lancaster, Pa. (3 subs); Mrs. Karl Kleist, Milwaukee; E. K. Dunder, Morgantown, W. Va. (3 subs); W. T. Davidson, Volpen, Ind. (3 subs); Nick Weltlich, Massillon, Ohio; M. E. Davis, Pasadena, Cal.; Morris Block, Chicago; A. R. Pinke, Detroit; John C. Lawson, Westerville, Va.

The Appeal staff has contracted a habitual blush on its collective face as a result of the letters of warm praise it receives from the comrades.

Here is one that has something rather substantial about it. "I received a copy of your issue of February 6. After having read same, I think it will be worth about \$25 to me for a year's subscription."—Edward T. Wentworth, Chicago. This comrade sent in a check for \$25 for one year's subscription for the Appeal. This comrade is not even satisfied after paying this much for the Appeal. He has written a story, revolving somewhat around the personality of Debs, entitled "Blue Summits." He is ready to offer this volume free for any one who might get five subs for the Appeal.

Our old friend James D. Graham, formerly Socialist state secretary of Montana, orders a bundle from Billings and says: "It really looks as if the party is going to come back in this state." Back to where it was when Comrade Barnes was national secretary. It has been a long, dreary flight, but indications at present are very bright for organization in Montana.

R. U. Hesselstine, Stockton, Cal., orders a sub and a bundle with the following message: "I have just read the first issue of the American Appeal, which I picked up, and like it fine and like its name, first, because I am an American, and second, because I want to see the whole world of labor voting for its liberty."

Mrs. M. H. Barnes, South Bay, Fla., writes:

"I have seen one copy of your paper and I want it. Please send it to me for a year. I haven't read anything worth while since the Appeal changed its name and was beginning to think there was nothing published 'fit' to read nowadays."

Comrade James H. Maurer of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party and President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, after getting the report of the Appeal growth and financial condition, gives us a send-off that we can't quite get over: "Your report of February 20 reads like a fairy tale—too good to be true. But the truth will out some time. You see, what makes your report seem so strange is that for the last ten years every report that came from the National Office, or any other Socialist headquarters, was of a heart-aching, soul-burning nature, and now, at last, the clouds of reaction, discouragement and despair seem to be passing and the light of hope and progress is in sight."

"Every report I receive about the Appeal is good. Not a single knock has come my way yet. All of you are certainly doing a good job. God bless the whole bunch of you."

The Bundle Brigade

The Appeal staff is in the habit of thinking out loud, but the Army editor hasn't been able to hear any one think for several days. Well planted bundle brigade artillery in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New Castle, Indianapolis, Detroit, Portland, San Francisco, Redlands and Red Bluffs opened on the little Appeal office altogether and without warning. The smoke has not yet lifted, the casualties have not been counted. The staff is sure only of one thing—the big thing—the permanent order bombardment has started.

Zoom—Warrior! That last sound was the circulation manager trying to catch his breath. Local Philadelphia hit him with a torpedo order for 50 a week.

Before he could recover a shell from Pittsburgh exploded right under his desk, lifting the desk and raising the Pittsburgh weekly order from 50 to 75.

Swamp! We thought a comet had hit the building. It was an order from Pittstown, Pa., for 50 a week for the next ten weeks.

New Castle drops a shell loaded with a stack of bills to pay for its 100 copies a week order. Secretary Llewellyn writes: "Local Newcastle has organized a squad to deliver them to avoid waste of time and papers. Yours for a million."

Watch the New Castle movement move. You will need a long range telescope to keep in sight of it.

Local Indianapolis dropped a time bomb in on us. We didn't know what had happened until we picked a permanent bundle order from the wreckage. Keep coming, Indianapolis, but no more of this hand grenade stuff.

Who said Detroit wasn't on the Socialist map? Comrade William H. Mitelbuscher, secretary of the local, 4117 Chalmers avenue, is an accurate gunner. He landed the order for his branch—50 a week for 5 weeks—right in the lap of the circulation secretary.

While the Appeal force was erecting such flimsy barricades as it could muster against this attack from the East, it was struck in the rear and almost put out of commission by local San Francisco—25 a week until further notice. We are not worrying about that notice.

While it was estimating the damage to capitalism—Local Redlands gave it a wallop that almost finished it. "The local," writes L. L. Stowe, secretary, "is endeavoring to systematically distribute a bundle of 25 of each week's issue and don't wish to miss any issue, or our plan will be spoiled."

We thought we were through with California for a few minutes when Local Red Bluff dealt us a blow that was anything but a bluff for a double order of 50.

The Appeal staff is as happy as a shell-shocked, gassed, bruised and groggy crew of wrecked and sinking mariners can be. It realizes that some of the bundle orders from some of these fine locals have a time limit on them. But these locals are nibbling. THEY HAVE STARTED TO DO SOMETHING IN AN ORGANIZED WAY. THEY ARE GOING TO GET RESULTS AND BITE BIG SNOON.

In addition to these fine locals, Local Cook County, two branch organizations in Chicago, Local Rochester, N.

Socialism's Big Chance in America

Comrade George R. Kirkpatrick, national secretary, Socialist party, was the fifth speaker in the joint program of the University of Chicago Liberal Club and the Fellowship of Youth for Peace conducted in the interest of education for world peace.

The topic, "Peace Through Socialism," aroused the intense and earnest interest of several hundred students at the University of Chicago, precipitating questions and a discussion that lasted an hour and a half after the lecture. There is no doubt but that the Socialist remedy for war as presented by Comrade Kirkpatrick found many advocates and made new ones.

The movement toward world peace is working like a mighty leaven in America and with a spreading power little realized by those it has not yet touched. It touches Socialism at many points and there is an increasing number of young men and women who are being won to Socialism by their hatred of war, and their interest in world peace. Of all the movements now facing Socialism in America, perhaps none at this moment offers a greater opportunity for Socialist propaganda than the peace movement. The Socialist remedy is so logical that thousands of them accept it and once they accept the Socialist remedy for war, they are on the way to accept the Socialist remedy for all the basic evils of the present system.

In the southern states alone, during the last ten years there has been an increase in co-operative marketing membership from 104,000 to 913,000.

Doing Big Business. The Chicago Farm Labor Exchange is merchandising in car load lots Arkansas sweet potatoes, Rio Grande produce, Florida strawberries, Kansas butter, and expects to double its business this year.

After having given big business most of the country, the politicians believe they can abuse big business with perfect safety. Mere abuse will not hurt it so long as it keeps the law.

Y. West York Labor Lyceum, N. J., the Rand School, the Yipsels and Workmen's Circle of Los Angeles and a few other Socialist organizations are taking weekly bundles.

THIS MEANS BEYOND A DOUBT THAT ORGANIZED PROPAGANDA THROUGH THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE PARTY HAS STARTED IN AMERICA. IT MEANS THAT THIS ORGANIZED METHOD IN PLACES IS BOUND TO GET RESULTS, BECOME INTERESTING AND GROW, AND BY ITS EXAMPLES OF SUCCESS SPREAD UNTIL IT BECOMES AN ESTABLISHED NATION-WIDE PROCESS OF ORGANIZED EDUCATION.

THAT MEANS THAT THE MOST DEPENDABLE PROCESS FOR KEEPING MEMBERS INTERESTED AND IN THE MOVEMENT—KEEPING LOCALS ALIVE AND GROWING, AND SAFELY FINANCING THE APPEAL AND GIVING IT IMMENSE CIRCULATION—IS AT LAST STARTED.

The Appeal staff has been working toward this inspiring situation for nearly two months and now it would just pick itself up and walk out on the street and give one big collective yell, if it were not for the Chicago police.

That was a good place to stop, but we got some mighty interesting letters to show: "A friend of mine has just sent me a copy of Vol. 7, No. 1. I want to subscribe for it for one year and I want 50 copies of the January 1 issue with the truth about the coal strike. I am going to give these 50 papers to ministers and others who will broadcast the news among the people. I will try to get some of our news stands to send for some of the papers—very week."—George D. Wood, Chicago.

"Please send me bundle of 50 of No. 7. The whole issue is a dandy from Lincoln to the reactionary conspiracy in Central Europe. I see my offshoot is in, and not an error in it. I appreciate it highly."—George Vail Williams, Riverton, N. J.

In ordering the extended bundle order for Local Portland, Secretary James S. Van Horn, indicates in his letter how the movement has begun to revive and rebuild: "We remodeled our room at headquarters, recovered the floor and are going to have a house warming on February 25. So we would like to have the first bundle of this order of the Appeals there that night."

The order from Detroit says: "This money was raised by Local Wayne county in order to get the American Appeal on sale at the local newsstands by donating a number of copies at each stand."

We have neglected the individual bundle brigade scouts in our excitement over seeing the locals begin to do things. They deserve better treatment. Among those who ordered bundles during the week were P. J. Samson, Minneapolis, 50 copies; A. L. Wright, Wollaston, Mass., 2 for 62 weeks; N. P. Mattoon, Washington, D. C., 25 for 2 weeks; W. L. Wallace, Lamar, Colorado, 50 copies; Frank McGee, Indianapolis, 15 copies; Frank Kessler, Los Angeles, 60 copies.

Our Washington Letter

By Marx Lewis

Berger Resolution Covers Cathcart Case

The bureaucracy with which all people, and more particularly people who disagree with the interest it serves, have had to contend received something of a jolt as a result of the way it handled the case of Countess Cathcart.

Excluding people, for one reason or another, or for no reason at all, has become a favorite practice of the officialdom. While it was confined largely to the exclusion of those whom it could characterize as anarchists and Bolsheviks, nothing serious happened. But then came Countess Cathcart and the Earl. The former was excluded, or ordered excluded, and the latter admitted, although they were jointly guilty, if at all guilty, of the offense with which they were charged—involving moral turpitude.

The decision provoked an attack from three quarters: first, from the National Woman's Party, which did not like the idea of a dual standard for men and women; of those groups that do not believe that indiscretions of the kind of which the Countess is accused, are sufficient to justify exclusion; and then from the Socialist, who is opposed to any exclusion policy, whether it be based upon the moral standards or the political beliefs of the alien.

The Socialist view, which is more or less in accord with the views of the other groups, and which may, therefore, become the basis of a fight on the present immigration laws and regulations was presented by Congressman Victor L. Berger, who proposed an amendment to the immigration law which would prevent exclusion except in cases where the alien had been convicted of an offense—amounting to a felony, and excepting those that may have been guilty of political crimes.

Forgeries Hinted in Karolyi Case

That the bureaucracy, by being given enough rope, has begun to find

itself strangled is evident, also, in the resolution that Senator Burton K. Wheeler introduced in the Senate asking for an investigation of his charge that the exclusion of Countess Karolyi was caused by certain forged documents which were prepared by detective agencies employed by the Hungarian minister to the United States.

If these charges are finally established, another diplomat will find himself out of a job. And they may be established. The bureaucrats who have been working hand in hand with the Italian and Hungarian ministers here to silence and suppress those opposed to the present regime in those countries lack the honor which prevails in the underworld; here if a man is caught, his "friends" will desert and even squeal. A higher standard obtains in the underworld.

42 Taxpayers Save 20 Million

Those who invested heavily in the campaign treasuries of the Republican Party when President Coolidge was a candidate two years ago have had another dividend declared in the past week. The new tax bill which relieves about 3,000 taxpayers—those who were told to come across when Coolidge was a candidate—to the extent of \$100,000,000 each year, was enacted into law. Forty-two of that number will save \$20,000,000.

While this dividend was being declared, the House and Senate, in one day's consideration appropriated over \$1,000,000,000 in one day.

When other appropriation bills are taken up and passed, about \$4,000,000,000 will have been appropriated by this Congress, about 90 per cent of which will go to pay for the luxuries of war.

In the face of these tremendous requirements, intended in the main to secure the property owned by the 3,000 whose taxes are cut so substantially, and in the face, also, of a public debt of about \$20,000,000,000, on which we pay to Wall Street about \$1,000,000,000 in interest each year, the Re-

publican Party is generous in its relief to the ruling class.

Rail Labor Bill May Hit Farmers

At this writing it seems that the Parker-Watson bill, introduced to effectuate the agreement reached between the railroad brotherhoods and the railroad owners for the abolishing of the railroad labor board, will be enacted into law. The farmers through two of their organizations made an eleven-hour appeal to Congress to adopt an amendment which would give the Interstate Commerce Commission power to control wage agreements affecting rates. The bill, as proposed and amended, would enable the workers and the owners to agree on wage schedules, and unless there is some disagreement, in which event the matter would be referred to the board of conciliation, those agreements would stand.

The farmers know that if the wages and the workers of the railroads should be increased and the profits of the owners not reduced—which means that the increase would have to come from some other source—there will be no disagreement. The burden will be shifted upon the farmers, and also to some extent, on other consumers who are not as well organized as the railroad workers.

But the protests of the farmers do not seem to make themselves felt. The leaders of the railroad brotherhoods got two reactionaries to introduce the measure in order to help secure its enactment. One of them, Senator Watson, will stand a better chance of being re-elected next November because of his sudden conversion to satisfactory labor legislation, while the Progressives, who expected to get an opportunity to make this fight, are finding themselves championing a measure already approved by the administration and accepted by the reactionaries.

Socialist Party News

Read the activity news in the Appeal News section.

The tide is turning. No doubt about it, comrades—the tide is turning.

The American Appeal is clearly turning the tide toward victory. Every hustler for the American Appeal is turning the tide.

Our bookkeeper is working far harder than for years past—and looks ten years younger, smiling at the turning tide.

It is, of course, barely possible that there is not much doing where you are. But that, in great measure, is up to you. You can not very well sidestep your responsibility in this matter, comrade. Thousands of you show signs of willingness to sidestep. And that is just one of the signs that the tide is indeed turning.

It may be that you are the only party member or Appeal subscriber in your town. Well, then, if anything is done in your town in promoting the American Appeal and boosting the movement, the honor and glory and sincere gratification will all be yours. It is up to you.

Now—while thousands are getting busy as they have not been busy for years—now is the time for you to get busy. Test your personality, test your power to persuade, test your staidness in your community with some of your neighbors and friends, test your courage and vision, test your own love of the movement, test the sincerity of your interest in the onward march of mankind to a nobler civilization, test your love of the big best thing in the world, the movement toward industrial democracy, test the force of your life among the people who know you. Make this test by making a full-grown, energetic, spirited effort to send in at least one subscriber each and every week for the next ten weeks. Test your soul.

Now while the tide is turning make it turn faster in your community.

You can do this. Of course you can. We must believe that you are sufficiently forceful to grab one subscription a week.

Emergency State Convention—Michigan

Comrade Joseph Bernstein, state secretary Socialist Party of Michigan, has issued the following urgent call: "On Sunday, March 7, 1926, at 10 a. m., an EMERGENCY CONVENTION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WILL BE HELD AT 100 WOODWARD AVENUE (Jewish Community Center), Detroit. Every member of the Socialist Party in Michigan should attend this important gathering and once more help the party keep her banner flying. If aside your routine work or other commitments for the day and ANSWER THE CALL OF YOUR PARTY."

"After carefully reading this copy, give it to a friend.—Thank you."

The National Office of the Socialist Party

2653 Washington Boulevard Chicago, Illinois.

TAKE NOTICE.

This is a hurry call.

Comrades Lena Morrow Lewis and Emil Herman will travel in April from the Pacific coast to the National Convention at Pittsburgh, and will return in May.

Look at the map: If you live on or near a mainline railway from the Pacific coast you can easily arrange for the service of these comrades, and hold a stimulating propaganda and organization meeting—with a minimum charge for the service.

Hurry, comrades. Rush in your request; get terms.

Chicago can't sleep at all. It is so puzzling, don't you know. The Socialists are on the front page of Chicago's great daily papers, with pictures, biographies, interviews, "a everything." Where are they?—Inquiries about our distinguished English Socialist visitors, Lady Cynthia Mosley and her husband, Mr. Oswald Mosley, six years a member of the British Parliament.

From start to finish our delightful British comrades have made it perfectly clear that they did not come to Chicago to be petted and fawned by the financial and the "400" conspicuous consumers, but rather to mingle with their comrades, study the life of the American workers and take notes on capitalism in America. Their first phone message was to Comrade Hall, secretary of Local Cook County; their next move was to call in person at the National Office, where they spent two hours and planned two days' activities. Two hours later both were eager and welcome visitors at the Headquarters of the Illinois State Federation of Labor—where they addressed the State Executive Board.

Here the genuineness of their democracy, their political common sense and their sincere intention for industrial justice promptly won friends. The Sears-Roebuck plant for scientific distribution came next; in the evening a dinner at Hull House, as guests of Dean Robert Morse Lovett of the University of Chicago. Following the dinner, in a twenty-minute speech of remarkable clearness, Mr. Mosley made it triumphantly evident that he is no shallow dabbler and sickly sentimentalist in politics, but a vigorous student of the first-class problems in British affairs. Saturday noon Lady Mosley struck twelve in an address to an immense audience of Chicago high school teachers. Lady Mosley charmed the teachers with a sincere, direct Socialist speech with no side-stepping on the purpose, platform and procedure of the Socialists of Britain. Then they were off to Milwaukee to be the guests of Congressman and Mrs. Victor L. Berger.

The Chicago comrades are giving a banquet March 2 to our delightful British industrial democrats at the Morrison Hotel.

The visit has been an inspiration to our local movement and a face-puckering puzzle to the 400 conspicuous consumers who think it awfully strange—don't you know—that these distinguished visitors should be so sincerely interested in work, life—and justice.

State Secretary Merrill reports that local Bronx is stirring with new life and increasingly active in party work; that local New York promises an order for 1,000 dues stamps. Secretary Merrill, by special letter to all branch secretaries, is urging the largest possible use of Congressman Berger's speech.

The never-weary Comrade, Martin B. Heister of Buffalo, has just purchased 2,000 copies of Congressman Berger's speech on the Income Tax, and gives assurance that a second order, for 3,000 or more, will soon arrive. He says, "The American Appeal is the greatest addition to the Socialist movement. . . . Buffalo will presently supply a good proportion of Appeal readers."

Buffalo comrades are planning a Debs banquet and a rousing propaganda meeting "to establish real contact with affiliated Socialist sympathizers and former members of the Socialist Party."

The Pittsburgh comrades have mapped out a thoroughly interesting program for several days of the National Convention activities. The things they are going to do to us—and for us: Vision, common sense and cooperation finally characterize local Pittsburgh's present energetic activities.

Comrade Shergrove of Ohio writes a ringing letter and sends her check for \$25.00—in payment of some back dues and a year in advance as a member-at-large. Next?

Comrade Morrison of Milan, Mo., writes: "I have started out to round up a bunch and organize a local. . . . I have been distributing a bundle of the Appeal and it is doing good. . . ."

Comrades of Kansas City, Mo., are at work on the "out-of-the-party" Socialists—to build up the city movement.

State Secretary James D. Graham is preparing to furnish data for the coming municipal ownership campaign in Montana cities. In the city of Billings literature is being distributed systematically. Five hundred copies of "Silence" were used last Sunday; 500 copies of "The Parable of the Water Tank" will be used next Sunday. "Out of Work" will be next used, 500 copies. Comrade Graham writes, "We expect to organize a local here soon." Fifty copies of the National Office "Organization Letter" have been sent on request to each of five Montana comrades who will at once send out the call for local organization meetings. Montana is improving in the purchase of dues stamps. Comrade John MacKay is mixing a new supply of war-paint and will presently hit the trail for scraps, MacKay, dropping a revolver in his pocket, has de-

So This Is Liberty!

By Geneva V. Wolcott.
Fettered hand and shackled foot
In the sordid powers that be;
Chained and fettered, galled, enslaved—
Who will set us free?

Prostituted brain and brawn
(Does the soul of Lincoln see?)
Powers of the privileged few—
Who will set us free?

Money opens wide his maw,
Offered to his greed are we;
Sanctimonious shrines—
Who will set us free?

Shame ye craven serfs who yield,
Bow the head and bend the knee!
Self-compassion never will
Set the bondman free.

Know ye not that Right is Might?
Machismo knows not bribe nor fee.
With your own strong will ye can
Forge your Liberty.

Oh, if men but knew this power
Linked in our fraternity,
Then, like Phoenix, would arise
Dull, Resplendent, Free!

Yours the right to live and thrive,
Subject to no tyranny;
Wealth of health and happiness—
This is Liberty.

Brain-Drops

By GLENCARRY

While the boss' THUMB
Covers YOUR loaf,
It matters LITTLE
HOWARD'S thumb
Covers ALL the loaves.

In America, It is SAFER
To THINK what you say
Than to SAY what you think.

It is the BALLOT
(Your ballot)
That CLOSED the door
To INDUSTRIAL democracy,
And the BALLOT
(Your ballot)

Is the ONLY key
Which CAN open it—
WITHOUT CARNAGE.

MOST workers who are ALLOWED
To EARN and EAT today,
And COMPELLED
To IDLE and STARVE tomorrow,
THINK they are FREE.

CAPITALISM cheats churches
And wrecks CHRISTIANITY.

The WARD two billion dollar
MERGER is but the FORERUNNER
OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY
Which will make bread OWNERS of
all bread eaters.

Little Appeals

The small soul may remind you of another,
But with character of no one else

The world laughs at no lovers,
Life is what they make you.

Man's highest pleasure is receiving
from

A never better saved much,
Knowledge doesn't make one wise.

Flourish scandal is as bad as the
real thing.

Destitution is the thief of a good
name.

Most people talk well when they are
dismissing themselves.

Early rising is a fine dream, if one
doesn't have to waken up.

The philosopher may be wise, but
usually he has such little sense.

When you begin to chase a lie it
tends to beat the mischief.

Kindness consists in only thinking
how most people are. It is much
less than the rudeness of telling it.

When a photographer tells a man
he is natural, he invariably puts on
a grimace.

Most people are opposed to freedom
behind their backs.

Most people use up more than their
share of talk.

Everybody wants Socialism; but
nobody does not want what they imagine
Socialism to be.

Most people are machines who work
and bring to someone else. They
never do not live, any more than
the machine live.

Blessed Be the Old Name

By Sam Flint.

We are told that there are many
names for Socialism, but it changes its name.

Why are the many who say that?
Why so numerous as we are asked
to believe? Or does the noise
come from a few who are saying it
many times?

A few, in my opinion.

There is no remedy. That is
why there is no way to quiet that
noise. For always the Timid are prone
to follow the example of the Wicked.

And when no man pursueth,
they go. They cannot lead us
anywhere. We should not trip them
and they start.

Socialism—not necessarily the name
of the thing itself—is in the thoughts
of men. Some think of it because
they have to think of it; others think
because they hate to think of it.

By mistake, then, is the notion that
they achieve it on the fly.

Many groups of men—even with-
out setting their purpose—make one
in the right direction, and in-
stead that movement will be slight-
ly thousand-eyed Capitalism, and
a mighty roar will rock Heaven and
Earth.

Young People's
Department

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Aaron J. Parker, Nat. Director.

With the Circles

Milwaukee, Wis.—Comrade Wagner,
member of the Yipsel National Execu-
tive Committee reports encouraging
progress for the first months of the
year. New applicants for membership
are received at all meetings. The
circle recently moved into new head-
quarters, being now located at the
Metropolitan Hall, corner of 6th and
Clark streets. Meetings are held here
every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.
Boston, Mass.—After energetic cam-
paigning the Boston circle has ac-
quired a piano for the meeting head-
quarters at 21 Essex street. The in-
strument made its Yipsel debut last
Saturday at a special entertainment.
Comrade Claessens, completing his
lecture tour of New England, spoke at
the meeting and presented a pleasing
pantomime.

Answer of Italian Youth

The appeal recently issued by the
Socialist Youth International to help
the Italian comrades has invited a
lively response from all affiliated
organizations. The Yipsels of America
are cooperating in this drive.

We publish here a letter which was
received from the Italian Youth or-
ganization.

"Dear Comrades: We received
news of your appeal, and in today's
mail a letter enclosing a copy of the
printed appeal sent to all affiliated
national organizations. Your words
and your deeds shall not be forgotten.
They prove that the international
union of young workers is no longer
a beautiful ideal, but a concrete fact.
The International of Socialist Youth
has become a family which shares
joys and sorrows. Your solidarity
helps and supports us in our struggle,
and gives us courage to believe that
our sacrifices have not been in vain.
Whatever lies ahead of us, we shall
proceed with the encouraging knowl-
edge of solidarity with comrades out-
side our boundaries. Three cheers for
Socialism! Three cheers for the So-
cialist Youth International!"

The following is a copy of the leaf-
let distributed by the Italian young
people:

"Young Workers! The Socialist
idea has not died out. It cannot be
destroyed, for in the blood of our mar-
tyrs and our fighters lives the same
spirit that in former days encouraged
our forefathers. True, they did not
succeed, but we shall! The defeats
of the proletariat have been caused
mainly by the wanting of political and
spiritual maturity. Therefore we have
organized the Union of Italian So-
cialist Young Workers whose activi-
ties shall center principally upon edu-
cational and cultural tasks, but which
will also fight side by side with the
Socialist Party in all its battles."

"We call upon you to fight openly
and sincerely for the attainment of
Socialism, while many others lacking
courage, cowed by the fear of Fascist
power, have become adherents of our
oppressors. With all our might we
will strive to prevent the marring of
the faces of our Italian people by the
marks of cowardly power."

"Young workers, peasants, em-
ployees and students! Your task is to
take care that the proletariat does not
become a herd having no will of its
own. It is only the working class that
can fight for socialism against Fac-
sism. Join our ranks. Our aim will
always be the union of the working
class for freedom. With unbroken
courage and without shrinking we are
beginning the long struggle, and we
will keep it up until we triumph over
the powers of reaction. The example
of our never-to-be-forgotten fore-fight-
er, who gave his life for our cause
will encourage us. All who fought
with us in former struggles as well as
those who have never affiliated them-
selves with a socialist organization,
are welcome if they adopt the prin-
ciples of the International of Socialist
Youth."

"Come, let us fight for the greatest
of ideals, for Socialism!"

"Three cheers to a Socialist Italy!"

National Committee.
"Union of Italian Socialist Youth."

Austrian Youth Convention

Complete reports have just reached
us on the Austrian Socialist Youth
Convention, held last December 8th
to 8th at Vienna. Besides a generous
delegation of regular representatives
of the youth locals, a large number
of fraternal delegates were present from
the various Labor organizations of
Austria, Comrade Ollenbauer the In-
ternational Secretary represented the
International, Westphal the German
Youth organization, and Kern the Bo-
hemian League.

The national executive committee
submitted a report stating that while
a drop was to be noted in the dues
sales, the support of the organization
was growing stronger. More circles
were reported for the past year, the
total number having increased to 250.
Of the total membership reaching just
under 30,000, the majority are male
members.

A motion to unite with the trade
union movement was passed by a
large majority. While the League still
maintains its separate identity a con-
nection is formed whereby trade union
members become also League members
at a separate dues scale. The Young

Worker, official organ of the League
now becomes a joint periodical of the
socialist and trade union youth.

The convention decided to organize
a special school for preparing lectur-
ers and directors for educational work
amongst the membership.

Arrangements were made whereby
the members of the Austrian Workers
Gymnasts under 18 years of age shall
be dual members of that organization
and the Socialist Youth organization.

Women's Department
Josephine Conger

Woman's Freedom

(This was sent to the Appeal by M.
Jaccoud, Elmhurst, Ill.)

"The Constitution proclaims liberty
and justice for all, but by the laws the
women are deprived of both liberty
and justice. By one law the women
have not the liberty to keep their own
name when they marry, but are forced
to take a man's name just as if they
were a man's property. If the woman
ruled that the men must take a wom-
an's name, no man would stand such
degradation. The women have not
less feelings than a man, but more.
By another law the mother's are
robbed of their right to their children.
By the law of Nature the children be-
long to the mother, and therefore the
children should bear the mother's
name."

"It is the mother who gives them
life, and must suffer and work for
them, not the father. The father gives
himself gladly to his wife, and there-
fore has no right to claim what he
gave; it is possible for him not even
to know whether his wife's children
are his. This shows clearly that the
Creator never intended the men to
have the first right to the children.
The men are stronger physically and
financially; they do not need to have
the women's rights, too."

"As long as the women are op-
pressed they will revenge themselves
and there will be no happiness in the
world. The existing laws must be
changed; they are contrary to justice
for the women and a shame for the
men."

The above is not printed as a sign
of approval from this department.
While theoretically and historically,
as well as biologically, the argument
set forth sounds correct, the present
system is scarcely conducive to the
establishment of the laws suggested
by the writer. In other words, is she
(or he) not taking matters a little by
the forelocks, putting the cart before
the horse, and so on? Women today
are dependent for their support upon
another individual, that individual be-
ing their husbands and the fathers of
their children. Mothers with young
children could not very well go out
and support them, if the children
to have the care and training so neces-
sary to their development.

They do not all have the care and
training under the mother's watchful
eyes that they should have, as is evi-
denced by the laxness of the present
generation—and of all generations, to
be truthful; but thousands of little
ones, and those half grown, would be
literally thrown upon the streets, if
the mothers went out to earn their
support under present economic condi-
tions. The freedom of the mothers
would not suffice for the evil results
that would follow such neglect. The
average mother would not ask free-
dom at that cost.

It is because women are so fully
aware of the dependence of their
young upon them that they give up
their names for the support of them-
selves and their children. To change
this condition the whole economic sys-
tem would have to be changed.
The writer of the above realizes, as
most women do not, however, that the
present family status began in slavery,
and is an outgrowth of the patriarchal
era, or age when men ruled, and women
were a little more than chattels.
The monogamous family, with the hus-
band as the "head," came into exist-
ence when it was realized that per-
sonal property could only be held "in
the family" by legalizing one strain of
offspring, who would become the heads
of the estate. It was then that men
began to take unto themselves wives,
one wife for the heirs, and all of their
other women were held as concubines,
slaves, mistresses, etc.

It is the best arrangement the world
has ever known, judging from histor-
ical records, and no doubt will persist
until some change is made whereby
the mother is assured of a comfort-
able living while she is bearing and
rearing children. That assurance does
not exist today, outside of the family
tie. It is not entirely assured under
it, but it has a fair average, which
must hold under the present regime.

The writer of the above letter no
doubt will understand that this ques-
tion, like so many others, is contin-
gent upon a condition which can be
brought about only through a complete
change of the economic system. Read-
ing the American Appeal will give a
realization of what is needed for the
complete, intelligent, and satisfactory
freedom of women, who are, as we all
know, a very large proportion of the
working class.

For the solution of every important
question of the day, read the Amer-
ican Appeal.

Don't forget to send the American
Appeal to your neighbors. It will give
them something to think about.

Every small town is crying aloud
with its social problems. What is the
matter? Read your American Appeal
and find out.

The Filling Station
LINCOLN PHIFER

John Tocsin, secretary of the local
met Joe, the Standard Serf, on the
street, and stopped him for a chat.

"I know of course that hired hands
do practically everything that is done
in business, and that they could be
placed at the head of things under
Socialism," Joe said, "but I can't help
but wonder if they would be adequate
for all the big problems that might
come up."

"I don't see why they should not,"
John Tocsin replied. "They get along
pretty well now, and consider what
handicaps they have in the way of
their success."

"Handicaps? I don't understand."
"Why, they not only have to man-
age every detail of the business but
they also have to work out big profits
for the riders of industry. It is amaz-
ing that the workers could be hired
to hold up the public for wages, and
turn over the loot to the masters.
But they do it."

"That is a new way of looking at it,
for me."

"Now, with all the bond issues and
with all the stock issues, the workers
are finding themselves taxed to the
limit. They must hold up their own
relatives, including themselves and
each other, in order to get the bootie
necessary to show returns on the in-
famous values. There is a hopeful side
to this proposition, though."

"And what is that?"

"That they may see how the masters
are making cats paws and criminals
of them, and how they are taking
them too hard to bring in the re-
turns demanded. Had you ever looked
at it in this way? It would not be one-
half so hard for these same workers
to manage industry and do all the
work of distribution, if they were
freed from the need of providing
profits for the so-called owners of in-
dustry? Just a little reflection and
they would become Socialists. Then—
"Why, then, Socialism would be
here," Joe responded.

Dog and Hunter—A Fable

A dog was trotting through the
woods, trying to stalk game for his
Master, who with a gun was following
him.

"Why do you hunt for him?" a bird
chirped at him.

The astonished dog stopped and
growled, "Because he feeds me."

"The game you stalk belongs to the
man, does it not?" the bird chirped.

"Certainly."

"Then you are hunting for him, not
for yourself."

"But I get the skin and the entrails."

"And you hire yourself to hunt and
take the lives of others for the refuse
of that which you find and deliver to
your master. And you love and cringe
to the master who takes most of your
product and gives only what he
doesn't want."

"—The dog is the Wage Slave, the
Hunter is the owner of the machine."

The papers do not tell it, but busi-
ness is mighty dull for most small
dealers. They are near the jumping
off place.

The fight against unionism is al-
ready on. It will never be over until
Socialism comes.

Double Program to Arouse
Nation

(Continued from Page 1.)

ing Congress in the greatest protest
in America in years, it is imperative
that ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL
KINDS BE INDUCED TO ADOPT
RESOLUTIONS ALONG THE SAME
LINE.

Let every trade union, every educa-
tional, benefit or recreational society,
every civic and every progressive po-
litical organization, every progressive
farmer group and every mass meet-
ing of citizens in the nation send in
a resolution as soon as possible.

Make four copies. Send one to
each of the United States senators
from your state. Send one to the
congressman from your district.
Send one to the American Appeal,
2653 Washington boulevard, Chi-
cago.

Here is a resolution that might serve
for a model:

Model Resolution

WHEREAS, in all countries except
the United States, all political pris-
oners who were sentenced during the
war have not only been released, but
have had all civil rights restored; and

WHEREAS, Our own government,
founded in the spirit of political lib-
erty, is assumed to be conducted for
the extension and defense of freedom,
—as manifested, for example, by our
national government even toward the
Confederate leaders after the Civil
war; and

WHEREAS, in Eugene V. Debs the
American people have a man whose
strength of character, brilliant gifts,
high idealism, and unselfish and com-
manding devotion to the cause of free-
dom and human progress for a full
half century give this country cause
to be sincerely proud of him and mark
him for unique and enviable distinc-
tion for centuries to come;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That we, the
present these facts to the attention
of our senators and congressmen and
urge that, acting with the fairness that
has characterized the best traditions
of America, urge Congress to restore
to Eugene V. Debs his civil rights and

Letters to Judd

By Upton Sinclair

Letter IX

My dear Judd:
We know by now what the word
"privilege" means. Hundreds of thou-
sands of people do not have to do use-
ful labor in our society; they draw off
the profits of other people's labor, and
the good things of life flow to them
in a stream so great as sometimes to
overwhelm them. And this flow is
guaranteed them for life, and to their
descendants to the end of time. All
our political teachings, all our eco-
nomic calculations, are based upon the
idea that this state of affairs is per-
manent; the right of property to draw
interest, dividends and profits is in-
alienable.

It is easy to understand that the
favored ones of privilege believe in
the sacredness of such rights. Once
upon a time the priests protected
them, and then the kings; now it is
the judges, and here is our modern
form of superstition, the worship of
the Dead Hand. Our newspapers know
nobody more wicked than the man
who assaults the courts; he is a dema-
gog and an incendiary, and now and
then some court reaches out its
mighty hand and claps him into jail.

Nevertheless, Judd, I take the risk,
and point out to you that judges are
men like other rich men. I have never
seen statistics as to how many are ex-
corporation-lawyers, but the percent-
age must be close to one hundred; for
what else is there for a would-be judge
to be, except a corporation lawyer?

He must be a "big" lawyer, before he
is fit for the bench; and how else can
he be "big"—that is, earn a great
deal of money—except by serving
those who have the money? And
how are you going to get your nomi-
nation, except by going to see the
political boss who has the giving of
nominations. And will the boss give
you this honor, without asking what
use you are going to make of it after
you get it? When there are so many
millions upon millions of dollars at
stake, depending upon your judicial
decisions? Really, Judd, if you expect
things like that to happen, you are as
big a dunce as your industrial mas-
ters think you are.

It happens that I once knew inti-
mately a very "big" judge; he was a
member of the Court of Appeals of
the State of New Jersey, which is to
say he was one of the five highest
judges in the state which was ex-
tremely important, because many of
our biggest corporations were formed
under its safe and easy laws. At the
same time this "big" judge was a
"big" corporation lawyer on the other
side of the Hudson River, in New
York state; in fact, he was the high-
est paid corporation lawyer in the
city, which was surely going some; he
was the author of "Dill on Corpora-
tions," the standard textbook in er-
very law school in the country. I have
sat in James B. Dill's library many an
evening, and watched him smoke big
black cigars, and listened to him pour
out his soul. I will tell you the first
story of his career, and then I will
tell you the last.

A young law graduate, he got a job
with a big railroad. I think he said
the New York Central, in their law
department; he was to defend acci-
dent suits, and the lawyer who took
him in charge pulled open a drawer
in his desk and took out a list of the
judges of the state. "You will notice
that some of these names are
checked," said the man. "When we
have cases, get them before one of
those judges. Those are our judges."
Said Dill to me: "That was a young
man's first introduction to the law."
I asked: "Is it as bad as that now?"

He answered, "There are twenty-two
judges of the supreme court in New
York state, and nineteen of them are
crooked. I can say to each one, 'I
know whose man you are,' and not
one will dare contradict me."

And then the last story. Dill had
just been appointed to his high post
in New Jersey, and the day after the
news was published, one of his old
college friends came to see him, and
brought him an offer from E. H. Har-
rington, railroad magnate, to retain his
services in New York for fifty thou-
sand dollars a year, "and you needn't
do any work." Dill said to his friend,
"What case has Harrington got before
the Jersey courts?" The friend re-
plied that it was just general prin-
ciples, the great magnate liked to
have friends on the bench. Dill an-
swered, "You tell Harrington—being a
fisherman you can explain what I
mean—that a fat trout does not rise
to a fly."

Men do not change their skins when
they put on black silk robes and
mount the judicial bench. A hard-
boiled, hard-fisted attorney for labor,
such as Butler of Minneapolis, whose
whole political career was an expres-
sion of the hateful arrogance of class-
consciousness—when such a man is raised
to the United States Supreme Court, he
does not alter his nature a particle,
but goes right on at his old fighting
job and in his old fighting spirit; only
now he has the terrible power to say
that acts of Congress are null and
void. The Constitution gives no such
power to nullify the will of the people;
and you don't have to be a "big" law-
yer to verify that—you can read the
Constitution for yourself, and see.
And then watch the use which these
ex-corporation-lawyers make of this
stolen power! To protect the sacred
right of great manufacturing corpora-
tions to employ child slaves! And
likewise the right of employers to
underpay their women slaves! And
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